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On a trip, which led through Sofia - Tatar Pazardzhik - Plovdiv - Chirpan - Nova Zagora - Sliven - Melren - Kotel - Yambol - Elhovo - Topolovgrad - Harmanli - Haskovo - Plovdiv - Sofia, the following observations were made:

1. No movements of Russian troops were noted. Those Russians seen were normal garrison troops, and were observed in Tatar Pazardzhik, Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Nova Zagora, Sliven, Kotel, Yambol, and Haskovo. No troops were in evidence between Elhovo and Haskovo.
2. Russian fuel dumps are located in Sliven and Tatar Pazardzhik, the latter being smaller and lightly stocked.
3. On the Kotel-Yambol highway, four kilometers out of Gradetz, a well concealed military camp was observed capable of accommodating 5,000 men. The camp was located in the woods on both sides of the road. At present it is unoccupied, but according to local people, it had been occupied by Bulgarians earlier in the summer.
4. The border area traversed was quiet with no evidence of troops or partisans. The roads south of Yambol and through the border area were recently resurfaced and graded. While not wide, they were in excellent condition. Good road terminated at Harmanli. From there to Haskovo the road is entirely under construction by labor battalions (Trudovaks).
5. Crops in the area, except for the Plovdiv region, suffered greatly from lack of rain. Most cities in area have water only for a brief period during the day.
6. Public opinion in the whole area was friendly to Americans and distinctly hostile to the Russians. Some people, formerly Communists, are now talking against the Russians.

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